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- 5 Where brain damage occurs before CPR is attempted (10.3) such damage is not "caused" by CPR in any relevant sense. By analogy, CPR does not "cause" cancer simply by preserving life in a patient who has cancer. The patient is not deprived of health in any aspect which he or she had before CPR, or would have had without it. Of course, CPR can itself cause harm (for example, sternal fracture) which needs to be considered in deciding whether to provide it.
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